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This is in response to the restriction requirement mailed November 29, 2005. The applicants elect the apparatus claims of group II (claims 58, 59, 61, 68, and 69) for prosecution, without traverse.

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